

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Sleepy Eye Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Brown County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: January 3, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P428/ES-00-1721**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On May 27, 1986, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Brown County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On July 29, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs GTE Minnesota Company (formerly known as Continental and Contel) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Brown County.

On March 16, 1988, the Commission approved the actual cost U S West Communications incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Brown County.

On August 3, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs New Ulm Telephone Company, Sleepy Eye Telephone Company and Western Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Brown County.

On April 26, 1995, the Commission approved the actual costs Sleepy Eye Telephone Company incurred for a portion of the 911 Emergency Service in Brown County.

On September 26, 1997, the Commission approved the actual costs Western Telephone Company and New Ulm Telephone incurred for a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Brown County.

On June 4, 1999, the Commission approved the actual costs IES, LLC incurred for a portion of Automatic Number Identification (ANI) in the 911 Emergency Services System in Brown County.

On June 4, 1999, the Commission approved the actual costs Woodstock Telephone Company

incurred for a portion of 911 Emergency Telephone Routing Services in Brown County.

On August 4, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Hutchinson Telephone Company incurred for placing ALI records for their Exchanges in the 911 Emergency Services system in Brown County.

On August 8, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Independent Emergency Services, LLC incurred for placing ALI data circuit transport and records in the 911 Emergency Services system in Brown County.

CURRENT FILING

On December 11, 1998, Sleepy Eye Telephone Company (the Company) installed two outswitch trunks and two 911 interexchange circuits, each, from their Hanska and Sleepy Eye Exchanges to the Ruthton Selective Router.

On May 5, 1999, the Company installed 602 access lines/data circuits in their Hanska Exchange and 3244 access lines/data circuits in their Sleepy Eye Exchange.

On December 11, 2000, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of router based ANI and ALI service in the 911 Emergency Services system in Brown County..

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual ANI and ALI system costs incurred. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Sleepy Eye Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Brown County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Brown County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Brown County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P428/ES-00-1721.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

XX By personal service

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_____, 2000.

Notary Public